



DODGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Dale J Schmidt Sheriff **Scott Smith** Chief Deputy

Law of the Month September 2015

Trespass to Land

As the fall hunting season is fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to remind people of the trespass to land law.

Trespass to land carries a fine of \$263.50.

Dodge County has adopted Wisconsin State Statute 943.13(1m) as a county ordinance which states:

“Whoever does any of the following is subject to a Class B forfeiture:

(a) Enters any enclosed, cultivated or undeveloped land of another, other than open land specified in par. (e) or (f), without the express or implied consent of the owner or occupant.

(am) Enters any land of another that is occupied by a structure used for agricultural purposes without the express or implied consent of the owner or occupant.

Notification by the owner or occupant not to enter or remain on the premises should be done by posting at least two no trespassing signs per 40 acre lot.

The Dodge County Sheriff's Office receives many complaints during the hunting season of trespassing. The complaints are investigated and if appropriate, citations are issued. Captain Trace Frost of the sheriff's office asks that people be respectful of private property.